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PASS DEFENSE

Reliable witnesses now confirm distribution arms by Communist-dominated labor confederation (CGTG) and pro-government party (PAR). Embassy local employee requested join one of the brigades but evaded compliance. Some rifles distributed by CGTG reported to be Skoda, while PAR believed to be handing-out single shot carbine type. During June 20 blackout irresponsible fmmbs* in possession these arms participated random shooting from rooftops, apparently trying out weapons.

Vendors of Communist TRIBUNA POPULAR armed with machine guns circulating in jeep throughout working class neighborhoods.

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*As received, will be serviced upon request.

Note: Mr. Leddy's office (ARA) notified 4:55 p.m, 6/21/54 NPL

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